

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing telecommunications services, the method comprising the steps of:

generating a compiled representation of a textual description in a mark-up language of operations for performing a call feature or service;

instantiating a feature object embodying the compiled representation;

instantiating a context object that maintains information regarding a present state of the call feature or service, and that signals the feature object in regard to events occurring with respect to the call feature or service, and

the feature object responding to said signal from the context object ~~signalling~~ by effecting execution of one or more of the operations in the compiled representation of the textual description in the mark-up language.
2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising instantiating the context object in response to a boundary event with respect to the call service or feature.
3. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 2, comprising instantiating the context object in response to an event indicative of any of call origination or call termination.
4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising passing notification of at least selected events to the context object.

5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 4, responding with the context object to at least selected notifications by effecting, via the feature object, execution of further operations with respect to the call feature or service.
6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 4, identifying as a boundary event an event notification of which does not result in the effecting of execution of further operations with respect to the call feature or service by the context object.
7. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising

instantiating the context object in response to a boundary event with respect to the call service or feature, and

passing notification of at least selected events to the context object.
8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the textual description defines a set of rules and actions for providing the call service.
9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the textual description defines a call policy associated with a subscriber.
10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the event includes a call control event indicative of a signal received from an external device.
11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the external device is a telecommunications switch.

Claims 12 – 23 (cancelled).

24. (Previously Presented) A method for providing telecommunications services, comprising the steps of:

- providing a textual description in a mark-up language of a set of logic instructions describing a call service;
- parsing the textual description to generate a compiled representation of the logic instructions;
- instantiating a feature object embodying the compiled representation;
- instantiating a context object in response to an event, the context object maintaining information regarding a present state of the call service, the context object signalling the feature object to access the compiled representation and to effect execution of the call service defined by the logic instructions.
25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein the call service is any of a call, a call feature, and subscriber or feature administration.
26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein the event is a call progress event occurring with respect to the call service.
27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein the feature context object maintains information regarding the present state of an on-going telecommunications service.
28. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the mark-up language is any of HTML, XML, or any extension thereof.

Claims 29 – 31. (Cancelled).

Claims 32-40. (Cancelled).